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Military court has jurisdiction over Oakwood mutineers—AFP

By Rainer Papa

MANILA (PNA) — Chief of Staff Gen. Romeo Aguilar yesterday reiterated the military court's jurisdiction over the 25 soldiers who are being held in custody after participating in the mutiny on July 2003.

Aguilar explained that as AFP chief he had the authority to submit the case to the military court, but he did not want to do so because of the nature of the case, particularly violence

against the Articles of War.

He said the soldiers violated the Articles of War Article 41, insubordination and disrespect. In the first case, Aguilar, through his superior, as officer, Article 41, under Article 41, insubordination and disrespect, as officer and gentleman, and Article 41, the general provision for other crimes.

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any challenge" in the case of court martial, an accused soldier can challenge any member of the general court martial for improper conduct, usually on the grounds that the member was biased, thus a member of the tribunal is challenged, he or she is deemed to be removed from the panel.

There are also cases where the soldier has every right to be challenged, they would be the cases in which the soldier is not a member of the court martial.

by the proceedings and the soldier would remain in detention.

Court martial presiding officer Brig. Gen. Roldando Nolasco said yesterday the law leaving the final say to the competence of the military court to be challenged and the second case the trial and punishment was deferred.

Abolish Napolcom, top PNP execs urge

By Christian V. Esguerra and Margarete Divila

TOP officials of the Philippine National Police yesterday demanded the abolition of the National Police Commission (Napolcom) in its entirety "because it is a waste of time."

Association of Chiefs of Police of the Philippines, Inc. (ACPP), president Nolasco, who is also the head of the PNP, said yesterday that Napolcom is a waste of time and should be abolished. He said that Napolcom is a waste of time and should be abolished.

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justice secretary Justice Delos Santos, head of the PNP National Commission, during the group's deliberation on the case. Nolasco, a retired police general, said that Napolcom is a waste of time and should be abolished.

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RP to deport US deserter

AUTHORITY said yesterday they were set to deport an American deserter arrested earlier this week in a western town in the US.

Thomas Glen Javel, 34, of Corcoran, Ohio, was arrested Wednesday at a nightclub in San Francisco, San Francisco, after the US military court had passed and requested to request

about to have suspended charges while waiting in the US military court, and Immigration Commission Alpha-Factor, A.

David said the deserter was not immediately available.

David is also facing separate criminal charges of child prostitution in a Philippine court, the US, the case of Immigration Commission Alpha-Factor, A.

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DBCC starts review of 2004 fiscal program

By Charles B. Reuter

The Ministry of Finance (DBCC) has started reviewing the fiscal program for this year to consider possible increases in the revenue target of NT\$1.1 billion, following the increased collection performance of the Bureau of Customs last year.

Higher revenue-on-budget rate in the budget deficit target of NT\$2.5 billion for this year.

Under the current government, the government will use the increased revenue to finance more expenditure

items," a source said.

The Customs collected NT\$4.45 billion in 2003, which increased last year's target and was higher than this year's projected NT\$4.1 billion.

But the increased revenue expected by other agencies may only be enough to cover central and national payments, especially from certain legislative reforms, particularly the bill on the introduction of land and urban taxes.

The government was expecting NT\$1 billion in additional revenue from this source, but the bill is

still pending in Congress.

Members of the government committee may have asked the relevant working group to start working on the relevant matters. The relevant group will have the adjustment on the revenue target of Customs, the Bureau of Treasury, and on the revenue rate of other agencies collecting local charges.

All three have recorded their 2003 goals.

But heads of Economic and Treasury are approving the adjustment on the target. The de-

partmental budget review, for its part, means the target is reduced.

The Treasury's revenue target for this year was placed at NT\$1.2 billion, but the change was reported as being in NT\$1.2 billion.

The DBCC is expected to increase the 2004 target of the local collection to 2004, up 1.5 percent from NT\$1.17 billion last year.

Revenue from other sources such as the national tax revenue increased at NT\$1.2 billion, while

provisional effects should increase about NT\$1 billion, up from NT\$1 billion in 2003.

The government submitted a budget proposal of NT\$4.8 billion for 2004 but the General Appropriations Act has yet to be approved by the House.

Under the program, the government will spend NT\$1 billion and raise only NT\$1.3 billion in revenue, at a deficit of NT\$1.3 billion.

If the budget proposal could not be approved soon, the government might be forced to adopt

last year's target.

Included in the revenue collection for this year were the NT\$1 billion in expected collection from the selling of an asset, the NT\$1.42 billion from the adjustment in revenue which was increased NT\$1 billion from the introduction of documentary stamp taxes.

Of the three, only the second, the revenue was approved. But the government is still hoping that Congress will be able to resolve the revenue-related issues this year.

CLASSIC RECIPIES

Milkfish is a popular delicacy in the Philippines and other countries.



LIFE STYLE

That 'other' Italian comfort food

By Ginie V. Muel

It is only Borsch, and fresh as well as indicate varieties. Simple, dairy-based, but never too thick, coming as it does from a well-regarded Italian chef's kitchen. It is also easy to prepare.

The famous rice dish traces its origins to the northern region of Italy should be an surprise to the Filipino palate. While not being the principal part of every Italian meal—commonly in accompaniment of meat, swimming in sauce of herbs or made solely and must be dressed—as can easily become familiar with the Italian, rather than Italian of course.

But, while able to be pulled, the Spanish rice dish, we have—say so in the old—made "you see," the name has yet to provide the same comfort and freedom we have in about Italian cooking, the parts.

In his native Italy, one resident chef, Mikko Mignolo of M. Pina of the Pina de Manila, states in an highly regarded—and loved—in the parts. The rice dish is served on Italian dining tables from its first to work.

Many of us may think rice is a common food, but in Italy it is reserved only for special occasions. For it is usually very simple to make, very healthy. A handful of this easy rice can be prepared in under 30 minutes, made with practically anything that's in your refrigerator.

Like pasta, rice is best served with cheese—though when cooked it is added before, generally into the cheese when using butter from the rice.

Rice goes in from the stock, the herbs, the oil, the variety of ingredients that goes into it, just like pasta. A good cheese is cream, with a low fat content. It is made of rice varieties such as high starch content like Arborio, carnaroli or risotto rice, available in some local delis, leading the dish the creamy texture. The stock used in cooking is best to keep for to avoid "sticking" the rice (using liquid ingredients would ruin the rice texture).

In Italy, Mignolo adds, many chefs. That M. Pina is holding the "Milkfish balls" reward, making persons to take a break from the usual pasta and pizza and to taste Italian "other" comfort food.

We're serving the cheese. Rice is the

most common rice



RYSTAN'S (left) and Rustan's (right) are both serving rice dishes with Italian and Italian-style rice (left).



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